

COMING TO SCHOOL AT ROSSETT ACRE PRIMARY SCHOOL



Our Vision

In the Early Years at Rossett Acre Primary School, we aim to achieve excellence and happiness for all.

We provide a caring, nurturing and stimulating environment where every child feels safe, valued and empowered to become an independent learner. We foster curiosity, encourage a love of challenge and support children to develop resilience as they grow.

Preparing Your Child for School



A very warm welcome to Early Years at Rossett Acre Primary School!

We are often asked how parents can best prepare their child for starting school. Many children will already have experience of a nursery or pre-school setting, but starting school is still a big and exciting step.

We aim to make this transition as smooth, positive and enjoyable as possible for both children and families.

Our Transition Programme

We offer a carefully planned transition programme to help every child feel confident, safe and ready for school.

We will:

- Invite your child to attend **Taster Visits** during June and July, where they will spend time playing with Early Years staff and meeting other children
- Invite you and your child to a **Stay and Play session** in September to explore the classroom together
- Invite you to our **Early Years Information Evening** in the Autumn term
- Communicate closely with you throughout, including through **Tapestry**
- We are always happy to talk – quick messages in the morning or via Tapestry are very welcome.

Getting to Know Your Child

Before your child starts school, we work closely with pre-school settings and, where possible, visit children in their familiar environments.

In the Autumn term, we carry out baseline assessments to help us understand your child's starting points and plan for their learning. Throughout the year, we observe and assess children carefully to support their development.

You will be invited to:

Two Parents' Evenings

Access your child's learning through Tapestry

Receive an end-of-year report

Most importantly, we want every child to feel happy, confident and valued at Rossett Acre.

Preparing Your Child for School

In readiness for school, you can support your child by encouraging:

Independence

- Putting on and taking off coats and shoes
- Using the toilet independently (including handwashing)

Social Skills

- Taking turns and sharing
- Listening and following simple instructions

Self-Care

- Tidying away toys
- Feeding themselves using a knife, fork and spoon



Please don't worry if your child cannot do all of these yet – we will support them every step of the way.

Settling in

Your child will be part of a class of up to 30 children.

Children will initially be grouped by surname, and we will spend the first half-term getting to know them before finalising classes.

Children attend school full time from the start, but we understand that some children may need a more gradual transition. Please speak to us if this is the case – we will always work with you to support your child.

What makes Early Years at Rossett Acre special?

At Rossett Acre, your child will:

Learn through play, exploration and high-quality adult interaction

Develop a love of stories and language through Drawing Club

Build confidence, independence and wellbeing through our One Life approach

Be supported to become a curious, confident and capable learner



Our Day in Early Years

Learning in the Early Years

In Early Years, we believe children learn best through play and active exploration.

Much of the day is spent in play-based learning, where adults carefully support, extend and challenge children's thinking through interaction and conversation.

Through this, children develop:

Communication and language skills

Physical development

Creativity and imagination

Confidence and independence

We observe children closely to understand their learning and ensure they are supported and challenged at the right level.

Children learn both indoors and outdoors throughout the day.

Our Daily Routine

Drop-off: 8:40 – 8:50am

Morning: Phonics, guided reading, play and learning time

Midday: Lunch and outdoor play

Afternoon: Maths, play-based learning and small group activities

End of day: Story, reflection and home time at 3:20pm

Food

Children can have a school meal, or bring a packed lunch to school. All children in Early Years and Key Stage 1 currently receive a free school meal, however if you think you may qualify for Pupil Premium, we would be grateful if you would complete the form on the school website. If you do decide to choose packed lunches for your child, we encourage healthy choices, and please **no nuts**, we have children and adults in school with significant allergies.

Children will be provided with a healthy snack, which we have mid-morning. They will also receive milk to drink in the afternoon. Milk is provided up to the age of five, you can register with Cool Milk if you wish your child to continue to receive milk in school after their fifth birthday. Children should bring a water bottle to school every day - we do not allow juice in school.

What some of our past parents and children have to say about Early Years at Rossett Acre Primary School

Each child and their learning, personal & social needs are treated individually with love, care & nurture. Thea has thrived in Early Years with the support of the wonderful TA's. Thea absolutely adores them all & it is down to them that she is a brave learner who loves coming to school. THANK YOU!

I like school because it's fun. I love the train track the most and building with my friends. My teachers are kind.



We honestly couldn't be more impressed with the education our daughter receives at Rossett Acre. She has loved it from day one! The physical environment of the Early Years setting is so spacious and well organised and the children take real pride in navigating the different areas independently. The teachers are clearly so passionate about the job that they do; knowledgeable, committed and approachable, they form great relationships with the children in their care. We could not have asked for a better start to her school journey and hope she continues to thrive and build on the excellent foundations formed during her time in Early Years.

And finally...

We are really looking forward to welcoming your child to Rossett Acre Primary School.

Starting school can feel like a big step, but it is also an exciting journey full of new experiences, friendships and learning.

We are excited to begin this journey with you.

Useful Dates and Information

2026-2027

School Taster Visits

(Drop children off for an hour to play in the Early Years classrooms, come to as many as you would like)

Monday 22nd June:

10am - 11am **and** 1:30pm - 2:30pm

Wednesday 1st July:

10am - 11am **and** 1:30pm - 2:30pm

Thursday 9th July:

10am - 11am **and** 1:30pm - 2:30pm

Family Colour Run

Thursday 16th July

Teddy Bear Picnic

Children and their parents/carers can bring a teddy and a picnic to enjoy on the school field - a chance to meet other families and chat with the Early Years team.

Monday 7th September:

12pm - 12:45pm

Stay and Play Day

(Come visit the class with your child, drop-in. You can come to both sessions and stay the whole duration or just come for a while)

Tuesday 8th September:

9am - 10am **and** 1:30pm - 2:30pm



First Day of School – Staggered Entry Days

Wednesday 9th September

or

Thursday 10th September

or

Friday 11th September

All children in school on **Monday 14th September**

Further information on your child's first day at school will be communicated in July.

What to Bring to School

Having the right items in school helps your child feel confident, comfortable and ready to learn.

Bookbag – please no backpacks, as we have limited space in the cloakroom

Water bottle (water only, no juice)

PE kit – children will wear this on their PE day (details will be shared in the new term)

A spare change of clothes/underwear (if needed)

Wellies (to be kept in school)

Coat (even on dry days – the weather can change!)

Weather-dependent items – e.g. sun hat, gloves, scarf

Please make sure everything is clearly labelled with your child's name – if it can come off, it can get lost!